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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Offerings were tight to adequate for the fair to fairly good inquiry. Trading was spotty in the Central region, quiet elsewhere. Demand remained strong for white meat and the market tone was fully steady to firm on fresh tom breast meat and wing meat. Thigh meat traded at higher trending levels, supplies were adequate, and the market tone was steady to fully steady.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Interest from China slowed due to the upcoming Chinese New Year. Spot loads of thigh meat, tails and frozen 15-20% skin added mechanically separate turkey moved into export channels.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 11, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54.5-59	54.5	54.50	440	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	56-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	57.5	57.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	59.00**	57.00	54.00**
CENTRAL REGION	55.45	56.47	52.49
WESTERN REGION	59.00**	58.50**	53.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.00**	57.00	55.00
CENTRAL REGION	57.50	54.98	51.11
WESTERN REGION	59.00**	58.50**	54.50**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-81
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	63-64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-75

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-115

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 15-FEB-99

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS LBS	TOMS LBS
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	63.00	78
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	63.00	78
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 30-Jan-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND		AVG
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD--- WT			
N EAST	537	-61	23.47	(A)	(A)	539	23.45
S ATL	666	-21	30.43	(A)	(A)	676	30.30
N CENT	1,612	-19	29.37	(A)	(A)	1,639	29.33
S CENT	670	247	21.22	(A)	(A)	673	21.22
WEST	318	43	24.31	(A)	(A)	319	24.35
U.S.TOTAL	3,803(B)	-18	26.87	0	43	3,846	26.84
TO DATE							
1999	17,247(B)			0	99	17,346	
TO DATE							
1998	20,280(B)			8	155	20,443	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 33,000 for the year 70,000; last year to date 73,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 30-Jan-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	3,803	43	3,846
AVGWT	0.00	26.87	24.95	26.84
LAST WEEK	0	4,613	23	4,636
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	6,094	83	6,177
AVGWT	0.00	23.82(A)	27.10	23.87
TO-DATE/1999	0	17,247(A)	99	17,346
TO-DATE/1998	8	20,280(A)	155	20,443

(A) Includes 70,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 73,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 30-Jan-99FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 318 HD, 7,731 LBS,
TO DATE 1,077 HD, 26,427 LBS; OLD 1 HD, TO DATE 14 HD;
TOTAL 319 HD, TO DATE 1,091 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

DECEMBER	473,482 *
JANUARY 1-30, 1999	372,828 *

To date 1999	372,828 *
To date 1998	406,589 *

* PRELIMINARY

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 11 FEBRUARY 1999.

Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on tom breast meat with some seller asking prices continuing to trend higher, wing meat with skin steady to fully steady, frozen thigh meat steady to fully steady mostly steady with cautiousness noted. Demand and trading light on fresh 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey with some seller increased confidence developing. Frozen private label Grade A +8% basted-netted-timed breasts traded at higher price levels for February shipment. Offerings of frozen private label 4-8 lb. breasts light for February, packer labels light to fully adequate. Fresh destrapped tenderloins (2 loads) 160-165.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	96.00-97.00		96.14	280
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	139.00		139.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	88.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	21.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	19.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	26.33	27
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	37.00		37.00	9
NECKS, TOM		T	21.46	96
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	185.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	195.00-198.00		197.00	120
THIGH MEAT	42.00		42.00	60
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	45.00		45.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	124.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	110.00		110.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	156.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	58.00-62.00		59.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	19.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.50		26.50	104
TAILS	19.00		19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	42.00-45.00		42.47	332

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 FEBRUARY 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on thigh meat and bulk parts, white meat steady to firm mostly fully steady to firm. Demand fair to good on white meat, thigh meat and bulk parts light to fair. Trade sentiment on 10 lb. and heavier breasts steady to firm with the strength due in part to the strong breast meat, 4-8 lb. breasts mixed. Some wing meat with skin noted at 65 cents shipping point for early March pick-up. Trading light on line run fresh 20 lb. and heavier fresh 57 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	96.14	280	94.50	960
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	139.00	40	139.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	90.00		90.00	40	88.29	280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	40	20.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	23.00	40	22.40	50
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.50		28.50	28	27.44	55
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	37.00	9	37.00	24
NECKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	80	20.80	176
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	185.00	40	181.72	78
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	198.00-203.0		199.80	300	198.22	460
THIGH MEAT	43.00-44.00		43.67	120	43.11	180
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	45.00		45.00	40	45.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	120.00		120.00	20	122.67	60
SCAPULA MEAT	110.00		110.00	40	110.00	80
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	156.00	80	157.33	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	60.00-64.00		62.50	120	60.69	320
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	120	14.95	600
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	19.00	120	19.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.50	104	26.50	104
TAILS	21.00		21.00	80	20.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00-16.00		15.80	50	15.80	50
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	43.00-45.00		43.68	297	42.30	1,701

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